

Joint Personnel Recovery Agency

The Joint Personnel Recovery Agency (JPRA), headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., is a subordinate activity of U.S. Joint Forces Command's (USJFCOM) Joint Training Directorate/Joint Warfighting Center.

The commander of USJFCOM is DoD's executive agent for personnel recovery (PR) and coordinates and advances joint personnel recovery capabilities. USJFCOM has designated JPRA as the office of primary responsibility for DoD-wide personnel recovery matters, executing the day-to-day responsibilities of executive agent. In that role, the agency supports the military departments, combatant commands (COCOM), the Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, defense agencies, DoD field activities and other government agencies.

JPRA enables commanders, individuals, recovery forces and supporting organizations to execute their personnel recovery responsibilities and to accomplish the five PR tasks of report, locate, support, recover and reintegrate. JPRA supports policy and doctrine development for the recovery process and researches tactics, techniques and procedures to assist the services in conducting joint recovery operations.

JPRA has four core capabilities:

- Provide PR guidance
- Develop, conduct and support PR education and training
- Provide support to operations, exercises and deploying forces
- Ensure PR remains viable through the adaptation of lessons learned, research and development, and other validated inputs

JPRA, created in 1999, assists OSD and the Joint Staff in establishing PR policy and doctrine. JPRA supports the services in the development of their policy and oversees their survival, evasion, resistance and escape training. The agency also assists COCOMs in developing and exercising PR architectures and operational procedures to plan and prepare for the recovery of isolated personnel. It monitors research and development efforts to fill technology gaps in PR.

JPRA coordinates, manages and assists COCOMs and the services in implementing reintegration guidance and procedures. It provides PR experts to assist COCOMs and the services in the reintegration handling and debriefing process.